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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS COVERAGE FOR OCT. 23

1. OCTOBER 23 TURKISH PRESS GIVES HEAVY COVERAGE TO THE ASSASSINATION IN VIENNA OF TURKISH AMBASSADOR. THE PRESS ALSO SPECULATED ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE GUNMEN: TERCUMAN IN ITS STORY INDICATED ARMENIANS; GUNAYDIN CITED POLICE REPORTS WHICH SAID GREEK CYPRIOTS. MANY PAPERS ALSO GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO REPORTS OF THE ESCAPE OCTOBER 2 FROM PRISON OF AMERICAN CITIZEN WILLIAM HAYES.

2. MODERATELY LEFT POLITIKA CARRIED AN EXCLUSIVE STATEMENT ON ITS FRONT PAGE BY REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY LEADER BULENT
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ECEVIT REGARDING CYPRUS. IN IT HE INDICATED THAT THE "RPP WOULD

NOT CAUSE UNNECESSARY DIFFICULTIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OVER FINDING A FINAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM." HE ADDED: "I THINK WE CAN OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS EVEN THOUGH THE U.S. CONGRESS'S UNCONSTRUCTIVE STANCE MAY HAVE CREATED PSYCHOLOGICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS ISSUE. AS I HAVE ALWAYS STATED, CYPRUS IS THE PROBLEM OF TURKEY, GREECE AND THE CYPRIOTS, NOT OF THE UNITED STATES. IT WOULD BE USELESS TO GROW ANGRY WITH THE AMERICANS, AND TO PUNISH OURSELVES OR CYPRUS."

3. IN LIBERAL REFORMIST MILLIYET, NILUFER YALCIN DESCRIBED WHAT SHE ALLEGED WERE BEHIND THE SCENES ACTIVITIES OF ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. ACCORDING TO YALCIN'S ACCOUNT, THOUGH MAKARIOS DENIED EVER ACCEPTING A BIZONAL FEDERATION, CLERIDES HAD PREPARED A MAP LEAVING 25 PER CENT OF CYPRUS TO THE TURKISH SIDE. AT THE THIRD INERCOMMUNAL MEETING, CLERIDES PRODUCED A MAP GIVING THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS 26.7 PERCENT. MEANWHILE, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FORA PASS ANTI-TURKISH RESOLUTIONS. THUS HE PRESSURED CLERIDES TO OBSTRUCT THE NEW YORK TALKS. NOW THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT ARE CIRCULATING "MINUTES" OF THE THRID VIENNA MEETING IN WHICH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH PROMISED TO GO TO NEW YORK WITH MAPS. ACCORDING TO YALCIN BOTH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND DENKATASH DENY THAT THE MINUTES ARE VALID.

4. IN PRO REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY BARIS PROFESSOR AHMET SUKRU ESMER COMMENTED ON THE ARMS EMBARGO AND TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS BY NOTING THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE EMBARGO'S REMOVAL. THE CONDITIONS HE NOTED ARE RESPECT FOR THE CEASE-FIRE IN CYPRUS; NO NEW TURKISH FORCES ON THE ISLAND; AND NON-INTRODUCTION OF ARMS MANUFACTURED OR OBTAINED FROM THE U.S. TO BE USED ON CYPRUS. PROFESSOR ESMER CONTINUED: " IN THE EVENT OF A VIOLATION...THE U.S. WILL STOP SHIPMENTS OF ARMS TO TURKEY.... TURKEY CAN NO LONGER COUNT ON THE U.S. FOR HER DEFENSE.... WE ARE NOT TURNING OUR BACKS ON THE U.S. BUT THE ROMANTIC PHASE IN TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS HAS PASSED."

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